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The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge applicants' claim for priority under 35 USC 119 and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

The Examiner is also respectfully requested to return a copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A filed March 11, 2005 and the Form PTO/SB/08B dated June 8, 2005 with the Examiner's initials in the left column next to each cited publication.

The applicants were requested to make a species election, as set forth in item no. 1 on pages 2 to 3 of the enclosed Office Action.

The categories of species were set forth as follows on page 2 of the Office Action:

"A. Structural embodiments

- a. unfoamed floor tile, as set forth in claim 8;
- b. foamed floor tile, as set forth in claim 9.

B. Paste sol resin compositions

Please elect one of the resins in claims 8 and 10."

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The undersigned had a telephone interview with Examiner Chang on January 15, 2008 to clarify the requested elections. Examiner Chang said that applicants were required to elect (i) A.a. unfoamed floor tile as set forth in claim 8, or A.b. foamed floor tile as set forth in claim 9 and (ii) one of the resins (or a combination of resins) as set forth in claims 8 and 10 (claim 10 recites a single resin, namely a copolymer of vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate).

Applicants make the following elections:

A. Structural embodiments: b. "foamed floor tile", as set forth in claim 9.

B. Paste sol compositions: a copolymer of vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate.

Claims encompassing the elected species are as follows:

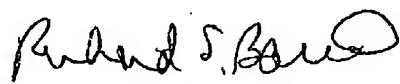
Claims 9, 10, 11, 13 to 14, 16, 18 and 20 to 27.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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